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AGREEMENT (04.00); JOINT PLANETARY EXPLORATION (04.03)

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1. SUMMARY. ON APRIL 12, SCICOUNS TOOK UP THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS,  
PER REFS A AND B, WITH VERESHCHETIN: (1) DETAILED SOVIET RESPONSE  
TO U.S. PROPOSALS IN FEBRUARY 8 LOVELACE LETTER TO PETROV;  
(2) "PROGRAM COOPERATION/COORDINATION" IN PLANETARY EXPLORATION;  
AND (3) ITINEARY OF HINNERS' JUNE VISIT TO USSR. VERESHCHETIN  
RESPONDED THAT THE BULK OF LOVELACE'S PROPOSALS APPEARED USEFUL  
BUT THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WAS STILL WORKING ON A DETAILED RESPONSE,  
WHICH HE PROMISED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN A MONTH. HE SHOWED  
LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR A MORE STRUCTURED APPROACH TO PLANETARY  
RESEARCH AND, FINALLY, PROMISED TO PROVIDE SCICOUNS WITH PROPOSED  
SOVIET PROGRAM FOR HINNERS' VISIT WITHIN A WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. SCICOUNS NOTED THAT, WHILE BOTH SIDES DESIRE EXTENSION OF NASA-  
INTERKOSMOS AGREEMENT, IT WAS NECESSARY TO REACH FORMAL AGREEMENT  
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ON MEASURES TO TIGHTEN UP ACTIVITIES OF JWGS AS SUGGESTED BY  
LOVELACE LETTER TO PETROV. VERESHCHETIN RESPONDED THAT THE SOVIET  
SIDE AGREED THAT CHANGES WERE NECESSARY BUT THESE WERE NOT "SIMPLE  
QUESTIONS." THEY WERE STILL COORDINATING THEIR DETAILED RESPONSE TO  
LOVELACE'S SUGGESTIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE READY WITHIN A MONTH.  
IN GENERAL, THE SOVIET SIDE FOUND THE U.S. SUGGESTIONS USEFUL  
BUT SOME WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS. ASKED FOR SPECIFICS, VERESHCHETIN SAID

HE DID NOT LIKE THE PROPOSAL TO NARROW THE SCOPE OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT JWG. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS JWG WAS WORKING WELL AND WAS SURPRISED AT THE U.S. SUGGESTION MMMMMMVXMTO DROP GEOLOGY, FOR EXAMPLE. TO FOCUS THE JWG SOLELY ON AGRICULTURE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE ACTIVITY BELONGED IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, RATHER THAN INTERKOSMOS.

3. SCICOUNS, CITING THE LOVELACE LETTER, UNDERLINED NASA CONCERN FOR A MORE USEFUL BILATERAL EXCHANGE ON PLANETARY RESEARCH. HE NOTED THAT SCIENTISTS FROM BOTH SIDES RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO SUCH IDEAS DURING THE SUCCESSFUL MARS-VIKING PROGRAM (REF C). SCICOUNS OBSERVED ALSO THAT HINNERS' VISIT COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BETTER COORDINATION OF THE PLANETARY RESEARCH PROGRAM, FOR EXAMPLE, OR FUTURE VENUS MISSIONS. VERESHCHETIN'S RESPONSE WAS CAREFULLY HEDGED. HE FIRST NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES ALREADY EXCHANGE INFORMATION BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH COSPAR. HE AGREED THERE WAS SOME VALUE TO BE ACHIEVED THROUGH BETTER COORDINATION OF PLANETARY STUDIES, BUT THE PROPOSALS IN THE LOVELACE LETTER REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT ELIMINATION OF PROGRAM DUPLICATION WAS, IN ITSELF, A DESIRABLE GOAL. VERESHCHETIN SAW NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING MEETINGS BETWEEN HINNERS AND SOVIET PLANETARY SCIENTISTS, BUT HE INDICATED THAT THESE WOULD BE AT AN INFORMAL LEVEL, NOT JOINT PLANNING EXERCISES. VERESHCHETIN EMPHASIZED THAT DISCUSSION MUST TAKE PLACE AT THE ACADEMY-NASA LEVEL IF GREATER COOPERATION IN THE AREA IS TO BE ACHIEVED; THE JWG WAS NOT AT THIS TIME A SUITABLE FORUM. VERESHCHETIN ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON JOINT PLANETARY MISSIONS, CHARACTERIZING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. SUGGESTIONS TO DATE AS VERY GENERAL. FYI. LATER, APRIL 12, SCICOUNS DISCUSSED LOVELACE LETTER AND EXPANSION OF PLANETARY EXPLORATION COOPERATION WITH ACADEMY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR, DR. KULAKOV. KULAKOV RESPONDED QUITE DIFFERENTLY, NOTING THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION MERITED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. KULAKOV OBSERVED THAT THERE WERE OTHER ACADEMY INSTITUTES INVOLVED IN THE SOVIET PLANETARY EXPLORATION PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME GREATER COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. END FYI.

4. VERESHCHETIN INDICATED THAT INTERKOSMOS HAD NOT COMPLETED COORDINATION OF ITINERARY FOR HINNERS' VISIT (REF B,D) BUT THAT HE COULD PROBABLY PROVIDE IT WITHIN A WEEK.  
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